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SUBJ: BEAGLE CHANNEL: ARBITRAL COURT'S DISSOLUTION BANNERED IN  
CHILE; BUENOS AIRES TALKS SUSPENDED

1. CHILEAN PRESS AUGUST 16 QUOTES EXTENSIVELY THE BEAGLE  
CHANNEL ARBITRAL COURT'S REASONS FOR DISSOLVING ITSELF AND  
THE UK'S CONCURRENCE THAT THE GROUP HAD FULLY DISCHARGED  
ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. ALSO AUGUST 16, THE PRESS REPORTS  
THE UNEXPECTED RETURN FROM B.A. OF THE CHILEAN DELEGATION  
TO THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE "SECOND ROUND" TALKS EARLIER  
IN THE DAY.

2. A DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OF  
AUGUST 8, TRANSMITTING A JULY 10 REPORT FROM THE BEAGLE  
CHANNEL ARBITRAL COURT TO THE UK AND THE UK'S RESPONSE  
OF JULY 31, APPARED IN INFORMAL TRANSLATION IN AUGUST 16  
PRESS. G.G. FITZMAURICE, REPRESENTING THE COURT, REVIEWS  
BRIEFLY THE HISTORY OF THE AWARD AND THE STEPS TAKEN  
TO ENSURE ITS COMPLIANCE. HE CONCLUDES THAT SINCE,  
DE FACTO, CHILE CONTROLS ALL THE ISLANDS AND OUTCROPPINGS  
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SOUTH OF THE CHANNEL DEMARCATION LINE AND THAT THE  
ARGENTINES HAVE CLOSED THEIR OFFICE IN GENEVA CHARGED  
WITH DEALING WITH COURT, THE COURT HAS COMPLIED WITH  
ITS MANDATE AND IS DISSOLVING ITSELF. IT STATES THAT  
ANY UNILATERAL ALTERATION OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN  
THE AREA WOULD BE TOTALLY CONTRARY TO THE AWARD AND  
IT REJECTS THE GOA'S "NULLIFICATION" AS ITSELF NULL AND

INADMISSABLE.

3. IN A FIRST PERSON NOTE OF JULY 31, FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN IS QUOTED AS ACCEPTING THE COURT'S CONTENTIONS AND AGREEING THAT FROM THE UK'S POINT OF VIEW, THE AGREEMENT IS IN EFFECT AND HAS BEEN FULFILLED.

4. MEANWHILE, WE ARE GETTING FIRST REPORTS OF THE GOC REACTION TO THE UNEXPECTED INTERRUPTION OF THE TALKS BEGUN IN BUENOS AIRES AUGUST 15. THE GOC PROMISES A PUBLIC STATEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD US INFORMALLY THAT SINCE THE TALKS WERE PROCEEDING AT CROSS PURPOSES THERE SEEMED LITTLE POINT TO CONTINUE THIS ROUND. THE OFFICIAL DID NOT APPEAR OVERLY CONCERNED AND INDICATED THAT THE CHILEANS HAD TAKEN THE LEAD IN THE DECISION TO SUSPEND THIS WEEK'S ROUND OF TALKS.  
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